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Amusements.
MARQUAM GRAND THEATER—Rose Coglan as Comedienne opposite Mr. Mortimer in "Forget Me Not."
CORBRAY'S THEATER—Tonight, Florence Roberts in David Belasco's greatest dramatic triumph, "Zaza."

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GETTING READY FOR ASPHALT—Specifications for the asphalt pavement to be laid in Washington street, from Sixteenth to the entrance to the City Park, are now being prepared by the City Engineer. The space between the rails of the railway on the street are to be paved with stone blocks, and with "tooth blocks" on the outside of each rail; but the space left between the two tracks is to be paved with asphalt. The Engineer is also preparing specifications for the asphalt pavement to be laid in Seventh street from Taylor to Burnside, and for the stone block pavement to be laid in Seventh street from Burnside to Glean. This is to be laid in the same style as the stone block pavement around the Thompson fountain on Main street, which is quite different from any great improvement on the stone block pavements so far laid in this city. The foundation is to be of concrete, six inches in thickness, and the blocks are to be evenly dressed and smaller than those on other streets, and to be grouted with cement or asphalt. The cost of this pavement will be greater than that of asphalt, but it is expected to last longer. The work to be done by the cable road company was done in this style, and is as sound now as the day when it was put down. There is a very large amount of street improvement to be made this season, if all goes well, as there are, in addition to those already mentioned, over 20 streets and about a dozen sewers in hand, which have already through the required preliminary work and have reached the stage of preparatory work; and there are many more to follow.

FOURTH STREET AGAIN—Now that the Council has passed the ordinance providing for the time and manner of improving Fourth street from Madison to Glean with wood blocks treated with carbolicum antiseptic, the public, which has been waiting so long for this improvement, hopes to see the work commenced forthwith. The only legal formalities yet to be complied with in the matter is advertising for bids for the work for five days and the formal awarding of the contract. As a matter of fact, the work has been all arranged for, prices agreed upon, etc., and it was long ago stated that the work of getting out the blocks had been commenced and that the apparatus for treating them had been provided. If the weather is favorable it may be expected that the work of paving the street will be commenced very soon after the contract is awarded, but if the weather is unfavorable for such work there will doubtless be delays from one cause or another. The old pavement is in very bad condition, and everybody will be glad when it has disappeared.

WHEAT COMES DOWN WILLAMETTE—Water in the Willamette is at a fine head, being stage at present and the boats of the Oregon City Transportation Company are running to Corvallis regularly up one day and down the next. An extra boat has been employed for some time between Corvallis and Harburg, bringing wheat from the various landings in that section down to the mills at Corvallis. All this wheat has been shipped, and the extra boat has been hauled off. There are a number of landings along the river above Corvallis which are not near the railroad, and to save a long haul the farmers near these places store their wheat there and wait for high water in the Spring to boat it to Corvallis. This wheat has been handled earlier and better this year than ever before, to their great satisfaction.

FAMILY ROW AHEAD—The right of a father to obtain the possession of his 4-year-old daughter was one of the points at issue in a case heard yesterday before Municipal Judge Cameron, when two brothers named John and James Murphy were accused of assault. It was charged that James Murphy struck Mrs. Mary Johnson, and that John Murphy struck her mother, Mrs. Annie Hamlin. The evidence of the Murphy boys was that Mrs. Johnson and her mother had possession of the child, and that she had objected to giving her up, and that some words ensued, but that no blows were struck. The women then gave the little girl to her father. The Judge decided that no assault had been committed, and discharged the Murphys.

SAYS A WOMAN ROBBED HIM—Lottie Gould, colored, was before Municipal Judge Cameron yesterday, charged with the larceny of \$50 from N. Perkins, of Spokane, and the case was continued until today. Perkins' story is that he came here Monday to see a sick son, that the woman held him up and a crowd gathered that he has been left stranded and would be in a bad plight were it not for the kindness of the proprietor of the Third-street hotel where he is living. He says he is an old soldier and belongs to a military organization in Spokane.

NO FRAUD IN BUTTER—Food and Dairy Commissioner Butler, who has been waging a war against margarine, bogus jellies and watered milk, and yesterday that the city was free from all the articles against which he had made the campaign. After a diligent search he could say that there was not an ounce of oleo offered as butter in Portland, and no glucose was sold as jelly. The milk, he said, contained an average of 4 per cent of butter fat, and he was satisfied that no city in the country was receiving better milk.

SACKS TOOK WINGS—Three youths, Gordon Bennett, Frederick Reynolds and John Merrill, were arrested last night by Detectives Kerigan and Snow, charged with being implicated with Frederick Orton and John Ellis in the larceny of empty sacks from Soden & Spicer, 327 East Washington street. They will have a hearing today.

ROAD-ROLLER BOUGHT—The city has just purchased the 10-ton steam road-roller which the Street Department has so long been crying for, and which will enable crushed rock and gravel improvements of streets to be made more solid and durable than heretofore. City Engineer Chase will have it out as soon as there is anything for it to do.

A SAUCY PRISONER—Charles Burton, 17 years old, was arrested last night at Front and Stark streets by Special Officer Nash, charged with disorderly conduct in refusing to move on when told to do so. Nash says that Burton "sassed" him about the condition of the police force in general.

DIVIDEND DECLARED—The Helena Consolidated Mining & Milling Company has declared a dividend of one-half cent per share upon its capitalization, payable March 25.

REGULATION LAW—Foot of Oak street, boats leave daily at A. M. for The Dalles and all way points.

PORTLAND VS. SEATTLE tonight at Y. M. C. A. Girls' Girls! See them play basket-ball.

MARTHA Washington Social Club dancing party this evening, at Burkhard Hall.

DRIVERS CRUEL TO HORSES—Several teamsters and ex-teamsters were standing on the curb of Front street yesterday forenoon, watching the mending procession of teams passing and making professional comments on the drivers and the appearance and actions of their teams. A good teamster can tell by the looks and actions of horses whether they have a good driver or not, and it is pretty well understood that there are many poor drivers. As one old teamster remarked, "a good many men are driving horses who haven't so much intelligence as the animals they mistreat." While the conversation was going on a team came around the corner, the driver not paying attention to his business, and the first thing he had hooked his hind wheel into the wheel of a wagon standing alongside the curb. He stopped his horses, got off his vehicle and lifted the wagon around to clear his wheel. Then he mounted his seat, and, without saying a word or giving any warning, hit his off horse several stinging cuts with his whip, causing the frightened animal to rear and plunge with the reins it was a very mean and foolish thing to do, and the general verdict was that if the man's employer had seen him do it he would have been promptly and properly discharged.

A little later a farmer came along with a wagon load of potatoes and attempted to back to the curb. His horses were smooth shod, and the stone block pavement was greasy with the mud caused by wagons hauling clay, and they could not back the wagon. The driver jumped down, and, seizing a piece of box cover, ran round in front of his horses and slipped them on their faces, while his men lifted on the wheels and the wagon was backed up to the curb. It was remarked to the driver that he was liable to be arrested for cruelty to animals, but he did not think so, saying that a little piece of board did not hurt the horses, but merely scared them and made them back. The old teamsters did not say anything, and appeared to think that in certain emergencies cruel and inhuman treatment to a certain limit might be justifiable. Presently came along a team with a load of earth from an excavation, the driver jerking and pulling on the reins and shouting at the horses, and heavily loaded. One of them had a raw shoulder from lack of proper care, from which the blood was trickling. All the old teamsters expressed their disgust, and as good as a sermon, and he had to repeat the number in reply to an encore. In Dr. Arner's old English, "The Lass With the Delicate Air," she has a difficult task before her in the blending of different registers, and especially in getting the piano effect in the head tones.

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BOY STARTS ON LONG JOURNEY—Tommy Reynolds, a lad who deserted a British ship in Portland harbor some months ago, was started for his home at Cardiff, England, Wednesday evening, by Superintendent Gardner of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. Reynolds is but 15 years of age, but he has seen a good bit of the world since he deserted, and is now quite willing to return to his parents. He says that he was roughly treated by the officers of the ship, and for this reason deserted. Upon his arrival in New York he will be met by representatives of the Children's Aid Society, who will see that he is placed on the steamship Philadelphia, which sails for Liverpool next Wednesday. The boy went via the O. R. & N., Union Pacific, and Michigan Central, and the money for his transportation was furnished by his anxious parents. The young fellow has been in charge of the boys' and girls' society for some time, and his conduct has been very good. Superintendent Gardner furnished him with a bountiful lunch, and the young lad departed happy.

W. A. L. SHELTON—County Clerk Swetland has received a letter from Mrs. David Cahn, of 433 West Market street, Louisville, Ky., inquiring after the whereabouts of Wiley Alexander Shelton, who she says will hear of something that is important to him by writing to her at once. Mr. Shelton's name does not appear in the Portland directory, but perhaps his notice may find him, in which case Mrs. Cahn will doubtless hear from him at once.

"ATTRACTIVE Ways of Cooking Oysters" will be the subject at the cooking school today.

GIRLS' basket-ball tonight, P. H. S. vs. Seattle, at Y. M. C. A. Northwest championship.

THE OREGONIAN'S PAMPHLET.

Portland people will distribute many thousand copies of the next little six-page folder, recently compiled by the Oregonian. The local Board of Trade yesterday placed an order for 50,000 copies of this folder. Through the medium of this representative body of Portland business men the folders will be distributed throughout the East in a way that may prove to be the Oregonian's best advantage. A large number will be sent to Commissioner Doehs, at the Charleston Exposition, and the Eastern offices of the leading trunk lines of railroad that terminate at Portland, and a good many thousand for distribution among the large number of home-seekers who are now turning their eyes to the far West.

A few days ago a gentleman connected with some Montana capitalists who have acquired large interests in Portland bought 1000 copies of The Oregonian's pamphlet. He is authorized for the statement that he can use the folders to excellent advantage in getting information of great value concerning Portland's status as a big city before the special people he is anxious to reach throughout the Middle West and in the far East.

The folder is made in a nice convenient form for inclosure in any envelope, and is printed in a good, readable type. It is beautifully illustrated, and it contains matter in a highly condensed form that the seeker for information about Portland is always in search of. The special information of great value that the folder contains is found in the official statement of the Government covering the wheat shipments of all the leading ports of the United States during January of this year. In that month as shown by the census statistics, Portland led every port of the Union in the export of wheat. Portland's business people can do some effective advertising for Oregon by inclosing one of these pamphlets with every letter they may send out during the next 30 days.

Coroners and Doctors. PORTLAND, March 20.—(To the Editor.)—From the fact that so many doctors are candidates for the office of Coroner one would conclude that the office was created for a member of the medical profession, yet the law provides that in the absence of the Coroner, the nearest Justice of the Peace must perform the duties. It further provides that the Coroner must employ a physician in the execution of his duties, and that he must hold autopsies when necessary, and provide for the payment of such medical service. Therefore, we must conclude that an ordinary man of good judgment, capable of directing an investigation, com-

NOTED SINGER WELCOMED.

PLATTERING RECEPTION—GIVEN MRS. KATHERINE FISK.

Large Audience at the Marquam Hears the Sweet-Voiced Contralto in a Difficult Programme.

The song recital given by Mrs. Katherine Fisk at the Marquam Theater last night, under the direction of Miss Lois Steers, attracted an audience largely made up of women and girls, who gave the singer a flattering reception. Mrs. Fisk, who sustained the programme herself, with Mr. Edgar E. Courser at the piano, sang for about an hour and a half, with brief intervals for rest. She has a mellow, deep, pure contralto voice, but toward the latter part of the recital she suffered from hoarseness. This was more noticeable in the

KNOWN IN NEW YORK.

A Prominent Portland Business Man Receives a Flattering Newspaper Notice.

The following are extracts taken from an article published in a recent issue of the Dry Goods Guide, of New York City, relating to a well-known Portland business man: H. B. Litt, of Portland, Or., who has been a prominent figure on the market during the past seven weeks, Americanizing the French model garments, has gone home. It is said that Mr. Litt displays more good taste than any other buyer that visits New York. He is also recognized as a first-class entertainer, and a number of dinners were tendered to him by well-known business men during his visit. While the hostess was down a programme with her guests, the entertainment that struck the most responsive chord in his heart was the dinner given at the Hotel Savoy by his friend, Ludwig Hirsel, of the great firm of Meier & Frank Company, a tribute of friendship between competitors. It has been a mystery to a number of Mr. Litt's friends and well-wishers why that gentleman has not decided to locate in New York, where there is a much larger field for his peculiar ability than at his present location; but it is understood that he is a firm believer in the growth and future prosperity of Portland, and never could be induced to accept a position in New York. He is also pleased to learn that Mr. Litt will return to New York about July 1, and will remain three months.

head tone. Gifted with a fine presence, Mrs. Fisk sang with a wealth of tone, and excelled in vocal and instrumental. Her programme would have been a more valuable one, however, if she had chosen more selections in English. In the first three groups of songs, she sang in Italian, three in German and two in French. The time is over now, when a singer, to show his or her native talent, must weigh down a programme with sad-toned songs in foreign languages. The selection, Handel's "Come and Trip It," a noble yet dainty theme, was sung in dignified style and won the first encore. A better number was Fontenelle's "Obstination," a dreamy, soft study in pianissimo effects.

Mrs. Fisk's most finished work last night was the singing of "The Silver Ring," by Chaminade, and Ethelbert Nevin's lovely, soulful "Oh, That We Two Were Maying." In the former she excelled in piano effect, and in the ease with which she surmounted changes of expression with her lower register. But the gem came when she sang the Ethelbert Nevin number, and she was warmly applauded for her artistic interpretation and fine religious feeling. Her encore, as good as a sermon, and she had to repeat the number in reply to an encore. In Dr. Arner's old English, "The Lass With the Delicate Air," she has a difficult task before her in the blending of different registers, and especially in getting the piano effect in the head tones.

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ROSE COGHLAN TONIGHT.

She Will Appear in "Forget-Me-Not" at the Marquam.

Tonight at the Marquam Grand Theater Rose Coghlan will present her new success, "Forget-Me-Not." Miss Coghlan is demonstrating anew her superiority as an emotional actress on her present tour. As Stephanie, Countess de Mohrart, in "Forget-Me-Not," she has Coghlan looks and acts magnificently. Few women on the stage today playing dramatic roles have been so favored by nature as Miss Coghlan. The character of Stephanie was played by Rose Coghlan 300 times in New York. Always a gracious and elaborately dressed figure to look upon, Miss Coghlan makes the leopard-like Sthenonians, by method, almost alluring even when the passions of revenge and hatred she so dominantly displays bury all considerations of sex. Another thrilling scene of physical violence or alarming character, but Miss Coghlan's brother, Charles, constructed a drama which deals with the finer and subtler conflicts of the human mind and heart. The play is the work of an expert, the dialogue, situations and leading part, all give ample opportunity for Miss Coghlan to display her wonderful talent. "Forget-Me-Not" will also be the bill tomorrow night. At the matinee tomorrow, "Lady Barter," preceded by the beautiful one-act comedietta, "Between Matinee and Night," will be the bill.

"Way Down East" Coming. One of the attractions at the Marquam in the very near future will be William A. Brady's production of "Way Down East." Mrs. Perkins will also be the bill tomorrow night. At the matinee tomorrow, "Lady Barter," preceded by the beautiful one-act comedietta, "Between Matinee and Night," will be the bill.

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petent of performing the duties of the office, whether he be doctor, lawyer, business man, tradesman, workman or undertaker, is eligible. When a man is elected who has no Coroner's office, morgue, ambulance, teams and extra men to remove the body from the place of death to the morgue, what is the consequence? He must barter and trade with some one who has, and the patronage of the office becomes a matter of merchandise, to be disposed of to the Coroner's best personal interest. Nominate a man who is prepared to perform the duties of the office, one whose methods of business are well known and honorable, and who will only put the county to the expense of an inquest when it is necessary, and the circumstances warrant the investigation. From \$200 to \$1000 can be saved to the taxpayers of this county and better service rendered. The duties of Coroner naturally require the services of a man whose business it is to look after and care for the dead. Until the county owns its own morgue, the undertaker is the only one who is prepared properly to perform the duties of that office, and as a taxpayer and citizen of this county it is my duty to advise that it would be wise to select such a man to fill the office of Coroner of this county. J. K. LOCKE, M. D.

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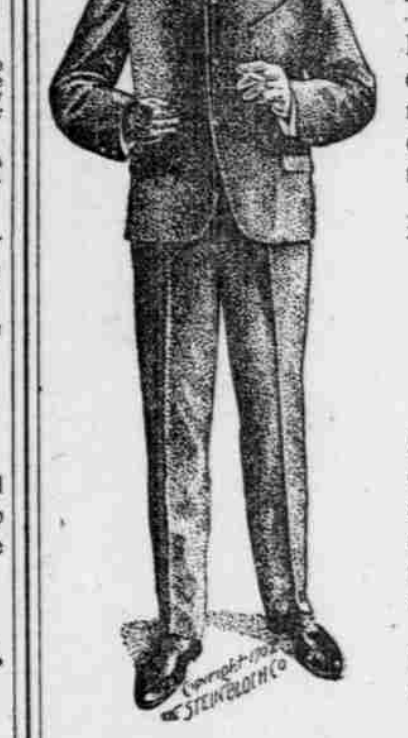
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